



## Product Alert

February 27, 2014

### **Type of Notification: Misuse of FM Approvals certification mark**

FM Approvals has been made aware of the marketing and sale of 8 inch NPS Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. indicating butterfly valves bearing an “FM Approval – Pending” mark. See picture below.

**Company (as listed in the Approval Guide):** Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co.

**Address:** 1470 Smith Grove Rd, Liberty, South Carolina 29657-0313, USA

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**Product Identity:** Indicating Butterfly Valve

**Models:** REL-BFG-300 (grooved) and REL-BFW-300 (wafer) indicating butterfly valves

**Sizes Affected:** 8 inch NPS

**Date Codes Affected:** All 8 inch NPS Model REL-BFG-300 and REL-BFW-300 indicating butterfly valves manufactured prior to February 2013. The date of manufacture is stamped on the valve nameplate.

**FM Approval status:** All 8 inch NPS Model REL-BFG-300 and REL-BFW-300 indicating butterfly valves manufactured on or after February 11, 2013 are FM Approved.

**Hazard involved:** All 8 inch NPS Model REL-BFG-300 and REL-BFW-300 indicating butterfly valves bearing the “FM Approval – Pending” mark have not met the performance requirements of Approval Standard 1112, “Indicating Valves (Butterfly or Ball Type)” and may fail prematurely. Reportedly, 396 valves have been labeled in this manner.

FM Approvals does not allow the use of the mark “FM Approval – Pending” on any products at any stage of the Approval process.

If you suspect you are in possession of a Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. indicating butterfly valve bearing an “FM Approval – Pending” mark or if a similar mark is discovered on any product, please bring that to the attention of:

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**Figure 1.** Nameplate of Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. Model REL-BFW-300 size 8 inch NPS bearing an “FM Approval – Pending” mark